

must be some compensatory evidence. The Admissions Committee, which is composed of both faculty and students, looks for seriousness of purpose in the applicant. Experience shows that students who have arrived at a desire for self-directed work, as well as for a certain freedom of pace and sphere within which to study, are the people who benefit most from Black Mountain College. In the student body there are usually a number with specific aims who have transferred from other colleges. In the case of such transfers it is often found that Black Mountain College asks more of the student in terms of self-discipline and capacity for sustained work than his previous college experience did. Each applicant states why he wants to come to Black Mountain and what he expects to get from it. His desire to contribute to community life is always a consideration.

A faculty advisor is appointed for each entering student. After the first semester the student may choose his own advisor. Every student enters the Junior Division, which roughly corresponds to Freshman and Sophomore years. Upon recommendation of his advisor and approval of the faculty, a student may take the comprehensive and detailed examinations for admission to the Senior Division, after which he selects his major but is expected to fill in any gaps that remain in his general education.

GRADUATION

When a student has completed his plan of study, he asks to be examined for graduation. If the Faculty find the student's work satisfactory, they invite an outside examiner to the College. The examiner usually requires seven three-hour papers covering the student's field of study. These are followed by oral examinations. One of the papers concerned with a special problem may be presented in thesis form. In the arts, exhibitions or performances may take the place of some of these papers. Graduation is decided upon by the Faculty. The decision is based upon the report of the examiner and the student's entire record.

The work demanded for graduation is equivalent to that required for a Bachelor of Arts degree at colleges and universities of long established standing. In the past, outside examiners have come from Duke University, Columbia, Bryn Mawr, University of North Carolina, Princeton, St. John's College, Harvard, Yale, etc.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Black Mountain College is situated in the heart of the Great Craggy Mountains of Western North Carolina, a section noted for its climate and scenery. Because of the altitude—2,400 feet—the summers are usually cool, particularly at night. The College campus with its farm and a little lake is just off U. S. Highway 70, three miles from the town of Black Mountain. The railroad station, Black Mountain, is on the scenic Southern Railroad Line from Salisbury to Asheville. Direct Pullman cars run from